FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement that individuals who wish to be nominees for the Charles County Board of Education must file a certain petition; and generally relating to qualifications of candidates for the Charles County Board of Education.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article 33 - Election Code Section 32-3 Annotated Code of Maryland (1983 Replacement Volume and 1984 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

## Article 33 - Election Code

32-3.

- [(a)] No individual may be a candidate for nomination or election to a board of education unless the qualifications therefor in the Education Article and this article are satisfied. Before certifying the name of a candidate to appear on the ballot, the board shall determine that the candidate satisfies the requirements of law therefor. [Except in Charles County, no] NO individual shall be required or permitted to qualify as a candidate by filing a petition.
- [(b) Nomination for membership of the Charles County Board of Education shall be by petition signed by at least 200 voters from the county. Each petition shall be filed with the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Charles County not later than 9:00 p.m. on the Monday which is 10 weeks or 70 days before the day on which the primary election for the political parties is held. A person nominated shall be a qualified voter and resident in the county. Each nominee shall pay a filing fee of \$25 when the petition is filed.]
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1985.

Approved May 21, 1985.

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(House Bill 1104)